Nitya Nanak and M. V. Nitya Ram' are missing since June 21. 1985 in the Bay of Bengal or ninety miles north of Sri Lanka's east coast;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what are the names of companies which now the ships;

(c) what is the number of crew on board the ships and what was the nature and quantity of cargo these ships were carrying; and

(d) what efforts have been made to locate the ships?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes.

(b) The two ships are owned by Maini Shipping Company Private Ltd. M. V. 'Nitya Nanak' was on a voyage from Kandla to Calcutta. When the vessel did not reach Calcutta on the scheduled date *i. e.* 26-6-1985, the owners informed the Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Department, Madras on the same day.

M. V. 'Nitya Ram' left Calcutta for Tuticorin on 17-6-1985. When this vessel did not arrive at Tuticorin on the scheduled date *i. e.* on 25-6-1985. the owners of the vessel informed the PO, MMD, Madras on 26-6-1985.

(c) There were 23 crew members on board M.V. 'Nitya Nanak' and 21 crew members on board 'Nitya Ram'. 'Nitya Nanak' was carrying a cargo of 5440 tons of salt and M. V. 'Nitya Ram' was carying 5182 tons of coal.

(d) On receipt of information that these ships were missing, vessels of the Indin Navy and Coast Guard were pressed into search operations. The services of air wing of the Navy were also utilised. The search and rescue operations have, however, not been able to trace these vessels.

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Irrigation Projects in Maharashtra

195. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of major irrigation projects at present under execution in Maharashtra;

(b) which are the projects in Vidarbha and Marathwara area of the state;

(c) when the Irrigation projects were approved and at what cost;

(d) when the work on these projects actually commenced and what is the progress made so far;

(e) what is the present estimated cost and reasons for delay in the work of projects; and

(f) how many major irrigation prcjects from Maharashtra are still under consideration and since when?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) The requisite information is given in the enclosed Statement.

(e) The requisite information is given in the Statement. The main reasons among others for delay in the work of projects are:—

1. Proliferation of projects resulting in inadequate financial, marginal material and technical resources available to the.

2. Inadequate investigation of projects.

3. Land acquisition problems.

4. Non-availability in required quantities of materials like cement, steel, explosives, machinery etc.

5. Lack of construction planning and monitoring.

(f) 22 major irrigation projects received during the period February, 1979 to March, 1985 are at various stages of examination in the Central Water Commission.

Statement

(*Rs. in crores*)

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Approved cost	Latest estimated cost	Likely expenditure upto March, 1985	Date of approval	Plan period in which started.
1	Khadakwasla	11.62	175.31	77.45	20-1-60	II
2	Krishna	27.63	155.00	91.80	17-2-66	III
3	Bhima	42.58	305.12	171.03	24-3-65	III
4	Kukadi	17.90	269.00	129.00	14-10-68	1966-69
5	Upper Godavari Stage I	14.20	75.00	43.15	16-6-67	1966-69
6	Warna	—	316.31	90.83	UA	IV
7	Upper Tapi Stage I (V)	12.09	102.13	62.65	12-3-70	IV
8	Pench (V)	40.69	143.20	88.97	3-10-77	IV
9	Upper Penganga (V) (M)	84.49	266.35	109.91	2-6-76	V
10	Upper Wardha (V)	39.88	282.01	68.05	6-5-76	V
11	Manjra (M)	20.19	32.15	30.37	2-6-76	V
12	Dudhganga	—	150.75	38.28	UA	V
13	Waghur	12.28	34.52	2.92	15-5-75	V
14	Jayakwadi Stage I & II (M)	38.46	251.05	234.05	3-2-65	V
15	Jayakwadi St. II (Mazalgaon) M)	88.90	353.45	56.73	2-6-75	V
16	Upper Pravara	15.87	102.75	4.01	17-2-77	V
17	Kalisarar (V)	3.22	7.00	5.66	8-2-77	V
18	Chaskaman	22.48	42.00	7.58	17-2-77	V
19	Nandur Madhmeswar (M)	72.66	77.66	7.70	28-3-81	V
20	Bhatsa	—	32.02	12.16	UA	V
21	Surya	19.35	77.04	38.29	26-9-75	1978-80
22	Bawanthadi (V) (inter-State)	—	58.10	11.45	UA	1978-80
23	Isthapuri (M)	78.93	83.83	23.83	26-6-83	1978—80
24	Tillari	—	20.40	4.50	UA	1978-80
25	Nira Deoghat	—	61.48	—	UA	VI
26	Lendi (M)	—	29.12	0.17	UA	VI

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Approved cost	Latest estimated cost	Likely expenditure up to March, 1985	Date of approval	Plan period in which started
27	Lower Penganga (V)	—	253·92	0·02	UA	VI
28	Lower Thirna (M)	37·65	40·46	8·26	28-2-83	VI
29	Ghosi Khurd (V)	—	464·82	1·77	UA	VI
30	Lower Wardha (V)	—	92·59	1·20	UA	VI
31	Lower Wunna (V)	—	52·00	8·33	UA	VI
32	Wan (M)	—	34·14	2·91	UA	VI
33	Arunavati (V)	—	33·05	5·05	UA	VI
34	Tultuli	—	35·66	2·71	UA	VI
35	Karwa	—	11·20	2·02	UA	VI
36	Gated Weir at Khodashi	—	3·34	0·24	UA	VI
37	Sangola Br. Canal	—	21·23	1·07	UA	VI
38	Talamba	—	72·38	3·80	UA	VI
39	Punad	—	13·30	0·83	UA	VI
40	Human (V)	—	61·47	4·25	UA	VI
41	Koyna-Krishna Lift Scheme	—	8·43	0·10	UA	VI

UA.—Unapproved (V) Videarbha Projects

(M)—Marathwara Projects.

Lifting of fertilizers by railways

196. SHRI S.W. DHABE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have refused the Agriculture Ministry's demand for moving additional 3 million tonnes of fertilisers in the current year;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what is the movement target fixed for fertilisers during the same period; and

(c) what is the position of availability of wagons for achieving the targets this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Against an overall revenue freight traffic target of 250 million tonnes fixed for 1985-86 in consultation with Planning Commission, the target for movement of fertilisers is 10.5 million tonnes. Despite shortage of wagons, etc. Railways are expected to fulfil the commitment for movement of fertilisers. However, for want of additional resources, the Railways are not in a position to accept additional demands for movements.

Track renewal

197. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a phased programme for track renewal; if so, what are the details in this regard;

(b) at what cost the track renewal will be done and by when complete renewal will be done; and

(c) what is the total track for complete renewal?